The Big Four is the default rubric for any writing assignment for Pastor Phil. It’s meant to be useful for small or large writing assignments.

When you’re revising your written work, always ask yourself these questions.

1. Is it **Clear*?***Is there a clearer way to say what I want to say? Am I using proper grammar? Are there too many simple sentences in a row? Too many short sentences in a row?
   1. 🡪 *I’m assessing whether I can understand your writing.*
      1. Tip: Read your work out loud as you go. It improves it. Asking someone else to read it will take it to the next leve.
2. Is it **Accurate**? How close is my answer to the “correct” answer that might be expected?
   1. 🡪*I’m assessing how close you are to the “correct” answer.*
      1. Tip: Find out what the text says about your assigned ??/prompts. Read it until you understand “why.”
      2. Think about what the “right answers” could be. Compare them to the “wrong answers” and ask why.
3. Is it **Thoughtful**? Have I thought carefully about what I’m saying? Should my writing go in depth? Have I given enough reasoning, evidence, examples, or illustrations to back up the way I’m taking this?
   1. -🡪 *Some answers can be “wrong,” but are thoughtful enough to earn full credit. Most answers require a degree of thoughtfulness. Many require more than you think.*
      1. Tip: Consider different answers in your head. Debate yourself.
4. Is it **Thorough**? Have I responded to every part of the question/prompt? Is there something else I need to answer here?
   1. -🡪 *I’m assessing how comprehensive your thinking is.* *Read each writing prompt over several times. You never want your responses to leave an assigned question unanswered.*